

Waterbird/Raptor Survey
10/11/06

Total ducks around 340,000 which is about double the long-term average (though I have a small sample size) and the count from this time last-year. Composition was about 263,000 dabblers and 73,000 divers. The phenomenal number of canvasbacks is similar to those in the 1960s. Total shorebirds around 14,000 with the long-term average nearer to 9,000. Notable birds include a horned grebe and Bonaparte's gulls. Only 6% of birds observed were visible from the tour loop units and 1.5% from the hunt units. Tundra swans are beginning to trickle in. All Refuge wetland units are full. Airboat units are easily accessible due to abundant water conditions.

Tundra Swan	1
Canada goose	1773
Mallard	65222
Pintail	69642
GW Teal	13377
Cinnamon Teal	1195
Shoveler	27288
Gadwall	47996
Wigeon	38612
Unk. Dabbler	15
Canvasback	45011
Redhead	3651
Scaup	1724
Bufflehead	6
Ring-necked duck	7
Ruddy duck	22543
Pied-Billed Grebe	6
Eared Grebe	44
Horned Grebe	1
Western Grebe	81
Clark's Grebe	49
AW Pelican	73
DC Cormorant	792
Great Blue Heron	46
Snowy Egret	8
B. C. Night Heron	3
White-faced Ibis	33
Killdeer	5
Avocet	2578
Greater Yellowlegs	41
Lesser Yellowlegs	24
LB Curlew	10
Marbled godwit	4920
Least Sandpiper	2
Dowitcher	6074
Franklin's gull	113
Bonaparte's gull	4
RB gull	2229
CA gull	69
Forster's tern	1
Virginia Rail	2
coot	19380

Northern Harrier

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